

Today's News - October 12, 2005

AIA issues a post-Katrina economic and construction report. – Deadline looms for sustainable building awards. – A New Mexico town wants its Main Street back. – Dublin firm wins big in Ireland, and U.S. firm wins big in China. – Another take on San Francisco's De Young Museum: both claustrophobic and powerful (and a field day for a psychoanalyst). – Plans for another starchitect-studded Las Vegas project moves ahead. – Liverpool Arena and Convention Centre underway. – Architecture and design needs to be more sensual. – Alsop sets up shop in Toronto. – Architecture foundations combine forces to bring design education to schools. – Harvard Design Magazine benefit seminar on site at two new sites. – The visions of Barragan on view in Athens.

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[**Report: Economic & Construction Outlook in the Gulf States After Hurricane Katrina: addresses the effect of the broader economy on rebuilding as well as a likely timetable for the construction.**](#) - American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[**Call for Entries: Sustainable Buildings Industry Council 2005 Exemplary Sustainable Buildings Awards; deadline: October 21**](#)- Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC)

[**Wanting the Old Main Street Back: Las Cruces, N.M., is trying to undo a makeover of its central business district that was done 30 years ago and has made it all but a ghost town.**](#) - New York Times

[**\[Secretary of State\] Hain unveils winning design for New Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre -- Heneghan Peng Architects \[image\]**](#)- Archiseek (Ireland)

[**Johnson Fain Wins International Urban Planning Competition for Chengdu, China: 215 square-mile Longquan Yi District**](#)- dBusinessNews

[**A gift, wrapped: San Francisco opens the copper-clad De Young Museum...reflects the architects' ruthless curiosity about the role of architecture in defining contemporary cities...A psychoanalyst... could have a field day with this design. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Herzog & De Meuron; Fong & Chan; Walter Hood \[images\]**](#)- Los Angeles Times

[**Perini Building Company Selected to Build \[\\$1.8 billion\] Las Vegas Cosmopolitan Resort & Casino -- Arquitectonica; Martha Schwartz Partners; Dougal Design; Paul Duesing Partners; Friedmutter Group \[image\]**](#)- Business Wire

[**£146m Kings Dock vision starts to become reality: Construction work on the Liverpool Arena and Convention Centre at Kings Waterfront starts today... -- Wilkinson Eyre-icLiverpool \(UK\)**](#)

[**The importance of sensual space: Design and architecture should be about the gratification of the senses but rarely are. By Edwin Heathcote**](#)- Financial Times (UK)

[**OCAD architect has designs on T.O.: Will Alsop threw himself a coming-out party last week...has decided to set up shop here...If they're lucky...will also work on the Edmonton Art Gallery addition. By Christopher Hume -- Quadrangle Architects**](#)- Toronto Star

[**Architecture Foundations Create New National Network to Foster Growth of K-12 Design Education Programs**](#)- Business Wire

[**Harvard Design Magazine Benefit Seminar October 28: Mack Scogin, Merrill Elam, Michael Van Valkenburgh at and about Wellesley College's Wang Campus Center and Alumnae Valley Landscape Renewal**](#)- Harvard Design Magazine

[**Capturing the spiritual effects: An exhibition on the work of Luis Barragan shows his vision for blending architecture with nature: "Luis Barragan: Light, Water and Color in Architecture" ...designed by architects Antonis Daglidis and Liana Hlepa...at the Benaki Museum through Nov. 6.- Kathimerini \(Greece\)**](#)

[**The Rise of the Few: Key Ingredients for the World's Tallest Skyscrapers: Q&A with Ron Klemencic, Chairman, Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat \[images\]**](#)- ArchNewsNow

[**Oct. '05 Build Business: The International Development Scene: What's Hot for the A/E/C Industry?**](#)

[**-- Antoine Predock: National Palace Museum Southern Branch, Taibao City, Taiwan**](#)
[**-- Exhibition: "Jean Prouvé: Three Nomadic Structures," MOCA, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles**](#)
[**-- Book: "Architecture Now! 3" by Philip Jodidio**](#)

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